

Birds and Mammals in Tennessee.

By Watson M. Perrygo.

In continuation of the work begun last year in West Virginia in April ~~I was assigned~~ the study of the birds and mammals of Tennessee was undertaken to secure material from that area lacking in the collections of the ~~the~~ National Museum from that area. In this work we had the cooperation of the State ~~through~~ Mr. Howell Bunlin — — — — —, who granted the necessary permits and of officials everywhere concerned with game or with the care of ~~the~~ National Forests or State Game Preserves.

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FIELD WORK WITH BIRDS AND MAMMALS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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Last year (1939) our intensive work in the collection of birds and mammals for the National Museum was in North Carolina. To continue that work in 1940 it was arranged to follow up with investigations in South Carolina, making especial study of the southern and of the Appalachian Range and the southern forms along the coastal plain. Through the courtesy of Mr. A. A. Richardson, Commissioner of Game and Fishes, Columbia, S. C., officials of the National Forests, and many generous land owners we were able to make the necessary arrangements.

Leaving Washington April 8, with J. S. Y. Hoyt as assistant, we began work near Conway in Horry County collecting in the flat pine woods, cypress swamps, and in the salt marshes near the coast. Our 10-day stay here netted many interesting and desirable specimens. Then moving southwestward further towards the interior of the coastal plain we settled in Dorchester County near St. George, working along the drainage of the Edisto River. The most of our collecting was done in the cypress swamps, in open pine woods, and near the edges of cotton fields.

Next we moved to Hardeeville to investigate the Lower Austroriparian life zone as it occurs in the extreme southern portion of the state. Most of our work was done in Beaufort County in the cypress and deciduous swamps, and through abandoned farms, salt marshes, and islands -- the latter including Hilton Head. In this area near the coast and on the

islands we found considerable palm growth. Painted buntings and chuck-wills-widows were very common, and birdlife in general was much more abundant than in previous areas.

After a fruitful stay in Hardeeville we moved northwestward into the Piedmont region in the vicinity of Union, working Union and Newberry Counties in Sumter National Forest. In old broom-sedge fields we found Bachman's sparrows, and along the streams were the usual types of birds occurring in such localities. Journeying southwestward along the Savannah River, we settled at McCormick, when again the Sumter National Forest offered us ample collecting grounds over the pine covered rolling hills in McCormick, Edgefield and Abbeville Counties. One of the most interesting finds here was the nesting of the mountain vireos which we had known elsewhere only in more elevated regions in the mountains. While here J. C. Calhoun joined us to assist primarily in mammal collecting.

As the mountain forms of birds were now located in their summer homes we moved northwestward to Walhalla where we collected along the Chatteoga Ridge in Oconee County. As the mountains are only slightly above 3000 ft. and are almost on the extreme southern end of the Appalachian Range, they lack the firs typical of the Canadian Zone. Here we found golden-winged and worm-eating warblers and mountain vireos in abundance.

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Caesar's Head, Bradford, and Sassafras Mountains -- the latter being about 3500 ft. in elevation, and the entire area the most elevated in the state. The slopes are steep and decidedly wooded and hoased more of the mountain forms than the previous section despite the absence of typical Canadian flora. A few pairs of song sparrows were nesting here, in addition to chestnut-sided warblers. This completed the spring and summer investigation for the season, and we returned to Washington July 23.

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With Gregor Rohwer as my field assistant, I left the first part of April 1939 to begin work in the ~~cypress swamps of the~~ northeastern part of the state near Elizabeth City. Here we remained for about two weeks working in the cypress swamps, ⁱⁿ pine woods, along river banks, and ^{through the} farm lands ~~collecting some of the desired birds and mammals.~~ ^{searching for}

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^{for the latter part of May} Moving to Richmond County we worked in the cotton and corn growing section of the state along the Pee Dee River near Rockingham. We were fortunate to find a ~~southern~~ area near the North Carolina - South Carolina state line where ^{the southern fauna extended into the state and here} we collected ~~some~~ ^{more} southern birds, one being the white-eyed towhee.

The early part of June found me in Cherokee County near Murphy, which is in the extreme southwestern part of ^{North Carolina} ~~the state~~, investigating the mountains ^{in this region} ~~in this region~~, Pack Mountain being the highest. Completing ~~the~~ ^{studies} ~~work~~ here, after much difficulty because of ~~the~~ rainy weather, I went east to Franklin and worked in the Nantahala National Forest on Wayah Bald, Standing Indian and adjoining mountains. These mountains are well over 5000 feet but, being so far south, near the Georgia line, they lack the balsam and spruce trees which are ^{found at similar altitudes a little farther north} ~~usually associated with a typical Canadian~~ and so ~~northern forms of birds and mammals do not occur~~ ^{zone}. ^{As} Wayah Bald and Standing Indian Mountains are State Game Refuges, ^(Parts of) ^{was done} ~~I had to confine~~ my work ^{which} out of the preserves. While in this area I ^{birds from that area} visited Highlands to obtain a few specimens of ~~blue-headed vireos~~. ^{the} ~~This~~ mountain form of the blue-headed vireo ^{which} was originally named from ^{Highlands}.

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 birds came in high overhead ^{working} ~~working~~ ^{around} ~~around
 over this wintering ground and surveying it
 with craning necks before coming slowly
 down with set wings to rest on the water.
 To the east ~~west~~ toward Stumpy Point
 were broad barrens ~~with~~ with scattered ~~trees~~
 stands of small pines and magnolias and
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Moving to Richmond County, we worked in the cotton and corn growing section of the state along the Pee Dee River near Rockingham. We were fortunate to find a southern area near the North Carolina - South Carolina state line where we collected some southern birds, one being the white-eyed towhee.

The early part of June found me in Cherokee County near Murphy, which is in the extreme southwestern part of the state, investigating the

mountains in this region, Pack Mt. being the highest. Completing the work here, after much difficulty because of the rainy weather, I went east to Franklin and worked in the Nantahala National Forest on Hayah Bald, Standing Indian and adjoining mountains. These mountains are well over 5000 feet but, being so far south, near the Georgia line, they lack the balsam and spruce trees which are usually associated with a typical Canadian zone. As Hayah Bald and Standing Indian Mts. are State Game Refuges, I had to confine my work out of the preserves. While in this area I visited Highlands to obtain a few specimens of blue-headed vireos. This mountain form of the blue-headed vireo was originally named from Highlands.

I spent the last two weeks of the spring and summer trip in

the beautiful and mountainous section
in the Northeastern part of the state,
collecting on Three Lops, Elk Knob,
Snake Mt. and other adjoining mountains
obtaining a fair number of specimens
considering the heavy rains which hamper
work of this kind. On July 22nd I returned
to Washington.

I left Washington for the autumn collecting trip on September 14 with Charles Wheeler as field assistant. Our first area was in Rockingham County in the north-central part of the state. We collected along the head waters of the Dan and Haw Rivers, where, considering the extremely warm weather, we collected a fair amount of specimens.

The latter part of September we moved southeast to Fredell and Catawba Counties. Most of our work was confined to the wooded bottom lands of the Catawba River.

On October 10 we moved east to Englehard and collected in the low, flat and swampy sections of Hyde and Dare Counties. In this area one may find it an excellent country for deer and grouse hunting.

He had a very profitable stay here obtaining birds and mammals typical of this low country. While here we were joined by Dr. Alexander Wetmore and Mr. J. B. Graf.

Leaving Engelhard on October 1st we moved west to Pitt County, collecting in the vicinity of Bethel. Along Conetoe Creek we found some very good stands of hardwood trees, where we collected some very desirable specimens. Northwest of Greenville in Pitt County we collected in some large tracts of pine woods where we found white-eyed towhees, brown-headed nuthatches and red-cockaded woodpeckers quite abundant.

Our last two weeks were spent in and near the summer resort of Beaufort in Carteret County. We collected in the salt marshes and low pine lands. On several occasions

we hired boats and visited the islands across Core Sound collecting on the sand dunes. Our stay here proved to be very fruitful in the way of specimens which completed our work for the season.

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COLLECTING BIRDS AND MAMMALS IN WEST VIRGINIA

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As a considerable area in West Virginia was unrepresented in the National Museum's collection of birds and mammals, during the past season, Carleton Lingebach and I were assigned the task of collecting specimens in that region. We left on April 16, 1936, for White Sulphur Springs, accompanied by Dr. Remington Kellogg. During the 2 days spent there, we set traps for a subspecies of flying squirrel, but were unsuccessful in our efforts. However, we did get some mice and birds. From there we continued to Huntington, in the southwestern corner of the State. We stayed there about 2 weeks, working up the Guyandot Valley to Logan, where, among other things, we got a Swainson's warbler, this constituting the second record from West Virginia. We also worked up the Twelve Pole Creek to Dunlow.

Dr. Kellogg returned to Washington, and we continued on to Summersville, where the altitude reaches 1,750 feet. This section, about the middle of the State, is heavily wooded country, and rhododendron grows abundantly. Dr. Alexander Wetmore joined us here on May 8.

In Richwood we obtained permission from the forest ranger to visit Cranberry Glades, which is part of the Monongahela National Forest. We followed the Cranberry River, starting at an altitude of 2,200 feet, and went up to about 3,300 feet to the glades. This beautiful river is one of the finest trout streams in the State. The glades lie between Black Mountain and the Kennison Mountains and are grown with spruce forest beginning at about 3,000 feet. Birds are very numerous, especially the grouse, which we could hear drumming daily through the mountains. We saw several signs of bear, this section being apparently one of their main strongholds in the State. We saw here flat, moss-covered areas which seem to have been lake bottoms at one time. The scenery has a northern aspect recalling parts of Canada.

After Dr. Wetmore's return to Washington, we went to Grantsville, where we spent a profitable week, obtaining a variety of birds.

In the northeastern part of the State we camped in an oak grove near Philippi. The hills here were more rolling and less steep than where we had been previously, the altitude being around 1,900 or 2,000 feet. Many kinds of birds and mammals were abundant here; we got a good collection of flying squirrels, as well as two Bewick's



FIG. 26.—Dr. Kellogg at work in Wilson's hunting camp, Huntington, West Va.



FIG. 25.—Canaan Valley, north of Middle Mountain.



FIG. 27.—Cranberry Glades, showing typical spruce forest.



FIG. 28.—Cranberry Glades, showing mounds of moss.

wrens. Copperhead snakes are very plentiful in this region, and under one rock 26 of them were discovered.

We returned to Cranberry Glades, where we lived in a government cabin. With squirrel traps on the trees and mouse traps on the ground we caught a number of specimens, among which was a new form of flying squirrel, since named by Gerrit S. Miller, Jr., of the National Museum. This form is somewhat similar to the small flying squirrel of the East, but is larger and redder in color. It is related to the Canadian species. Among the most interesting birds collected from there were a nestling saw-whet owl and a new subspecies of song sparrow. Cranberry Glades proved most fruitful for birds and mammals.

For the next 6 days we camped on Shavers River in the Cheat Mountains. There we obtained a fine series of bird and mouse skins and more specimens of the flying squirrel mentioned above. These mountains are cool and damp, with fog every night, unlike others of the same altitude in other parts of the State. Deciduous and spruce trees thrive on the mountains, and balsam firs grow in the valleys. From here we went to Middle Mountain, where we stayed in a forest ranger's cabin in a spruce forest. One morning as we started out we discovered tracks that seemed to be those of a puma, indicating that this animal may still live in the spruce forests of West Virginia. After making a profitable collection there, we returned to Washington July 10.

We left Washington for the autumn collecting on September 16, 1936. At Durbin, W. Va., we obtained the necessary permission to camp on Spruce Knob, the altitude of which is 4,860 feet. Our camp was 4,550 feet, and we were usually surrounded by clouds. As ravens abound there, we could hear them croaking most of the time. We added materially to the collection while we were there, in spite of the foggy and rainy weather. We learned from the old inhabitants that some time ago several porcupines had been killed on the lower ridges of the Knob.

After a stop at Summersville we continued to Flat Top and Cherry Pond Mountains, in the coal-mining region, where numerous birds and mammals were obtained. Returning to Huntington, we collected along the Ohio River up to Point Pleasant, making a fairly representative collection there. We then headed for home, stopping for 2 days at White Sulphur Springs, where we obtained the small subspecies of flying squirrel for which we had searched in the spring.

The success of this expedition was due largely to the courtesies and cooperation extended to us by local landowners and by the Conservation Commission of West Virginia.

PROCEEDINGS
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A NEW FROG, *ELEUTHERODACTYLUS WETMOREI*,
FROM THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI.

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A small collection of reptiles and amphibians from Haiti, secured in 1927 by Dr. Alexander Wetmore of the United States National Museum while travelling on funds provided for zoological collecting by the late Mr. B. H. Swales, has already yielded a genus of Anguid lizards¹ new to science, and a new species of *Chamaelinorops*,² a genus formerly known only from Navassa. The frog described below I recognized as being distinct at the time these other new forms were being studied, but as the specimens were not in a good state of preservation, its description was put off in the hope that fresh material from the type locality could be obtained. It seems unlikely that such material will be forthcoming, therefore the following description has been drawn up. It is a pleasure to name the species for its collector.

Eleutherodactylus wetmorei, new species.

Diagnosis.—Belly granular; no spinelike tubercle on upper eyelid; toes and fingers very slightly webbed, rounded at the tips; head moderate; snout normally rounded in profile; tibio-tarsal articulation reaching to posterior corner of eye; vomerine teeth in 2 oblique groups behind and between the choanae; thigh and groin heavily marked with dark blotches on a pale ground.

Type.—U. S. N. M. No. 72617, an adult from Fonds-des-Nègres, Haiti, taken by Dr. A. Wetmore on April 5, 1927, from the nest of a palm-chat, *Dulus dominicus*, together with two tree-toads, *Hyla dominicensis*.

Description of the type.—Tongue broad, apparently not emarginate

¹A new genus of Anguid Lizards from Haiti. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 40, June 30, 1927, pp. 91-92.

²A new species of *Chamaelinorops* from Haiti. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, vol. 41, Mar. 16, 1928, pp. 45-47.

behind; vomerine teeth in two long oblique groups some distance behind the choanae, their outer ends not extending beyond the inner borders of the choanae; head moderate, without ridges; no apparent subgular pouch; nostril much nearer tip of snout than eye, its distance from the eye slightly exceeding the diameter of the latter; upper eyelid much narrower than interorbital space; tympanum equal to one-half the diameter of the eye, its distance from the eye somewhat less than its own diameter; disks of fingers large, that of first finger equal to about three-fourths the area of the tympanum; first finger shorter than second; toes with a vestige of a web at the base; disks of toes moderate, slightly smaller than those of the fingers; subarticular tubercles well-developed; apparently a very small inner and a still smaller outer metatarsal tubercle; plantar tubercles weak; apparently no tarsal fold; the bent limbs being pressed along the sides, knee and elbow overlap; the hind limb being adpressed along the sides, the tibio-tarsal articulation reaches the posterior corner of the eye; the hind limbs being placed vertically to the axis of the body, the heels overlap considerably; apparently no series of elongate glands either above the tympanum or forming a dorsolateral fold; skin very faintly shagreened above; throat and breast smooth; a coarsely granular patch of skin between the thighs posteriorly, the granules apparently occurring also in the skin of the belly.

Dimensions.—Tip of snout to vent, 35 mm.; width of head, 15 mm.; tip of snout to posterior border of tympanum, 12 mm.; diameter of eye, 4 mm.; diameter of tympanum, 2.5 mm.; fore leg from axilla, 21 mm.; hind leg from vent, 53 mm.; vent to heel, 32 mm.

Color (in alcohol).—The ground color has badly bleached and altered, due to poor preservation, and appears now as a pale olive-buff. The color pattern is very distinct, however, and is unlike that of any other known *Eleutherodactylus* from Hispaniola. A broad pale band between the eyes is emphasized posteriorly by a narrow brown irregular line caused by the grouping of small brown dots which thickly cover the upper anterior parts of the body, the snout and forelegs, less thickly on the posterior parts and hind legs. The back of the thighs is strongly marked by very characteristic coarsely-reticulated dark brown blotches on a very light background. A few similar blotches appear on the front of the thigh and on the sides near the groin. The entire lower surface appears to be immaculate olive-buff. The sides of the snout and head are thickly peppered with small brown dots which are not arranged in any definite pattern.

Variation.—There are three other specimens of this species (U. S. N. M. Nos. 72618-20) with the same data as the type, but in even poorer condition. They all show the perfectly distinctive dark blotches on the back of the thigh and in the region of the groin. One of these, 72619, shows a brown semicircular line bordering the upper part of the tympanum on what appears to be a faint glandular ridge. The interocular light band may also be plainly seen on this frog. The other two specimens are devoid of head markings.

In 72620, a small individual somewhat less shriveled than the type, the disk of the third finger very nearly covers the tympanum. In 72619 only

is the granulation of the belly skin very apparent, the other specimens having suffered considerably in the mutilation of this part of the body. On none of the paratypes can any longitudinal glands or dorsolateral folds be made out, this species evidently being of the smoother skinned ones. The paratypes are all smaller than the type, measuring respectively 28, 29 and 32 mm. from snout to vent.

Fresh material from the type locality will be needed to confirm some of the characters given in the description. In the key, the new form falls nearest to *auriculatoides*, from which it may be readily told by the color pattern of the thighs.